



## NAGLE MAKES TWO VISITS TO WHITMAN

"System" in Panic at Report That Tammany Leader Has Revealed Police Graft in Harlem.

### HE DENIES LLOYD CHARGE

Sweeney, Arraigned, Pleads Not Guilty—Walsh Sentence Held Over—Rosie Hertz, Defiant, Sent to Penitentiary for Year.

Percival E. Nagle, the Tammany leader of Harlem and friend of Commissioner Waldo, whose district includes part of former Inspector Sweeney's territory, was closeted with District Attorney Whitman for almost two hours yesterday and examined. It is believed, on graft conditions in his bailiwick.

Nagle's visits to the District Attorney, for he made two, one in the forenoon and again at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, threw terror into the "system" for it was generally credited that he is able to put the District Attorney on the track of a high civilian employee of the Police Department and "the man higher up" at Police Headquarters.

District Attorney Whitman refused to discuss Nagle's visit, but in an interview after his first visit the Tammany leader admitted that he was aware that graft had been collected in his district, but denied he ever saw any of it.

"It was commonly known—in fact, it was notorious—that graft was being collected by Walsh and Sweeney in Harlem, and everybody knew that some of the graft went direct to Police Headquarters," said Nagle.

### Denies Tribute from Lloyd.

He denied with emphasis that he had ever received a cent from Thomas Lloyd, part owner of the New Polo Athletic Club, a fighting club and poolroom, who earlier in the day had told the District Attorney he had paid \$400 a month protection money to Patrolman Eugene Fox, Captain Walsh's collector.

"I haven't talked with Lloyd in a year and a half," said Nagle. "At that time he wanted the nomination for alderman in my district, but I thought it was too raw and refused to give it to him. It was common knowledge in Harlem that he was a gambler, Lloyd was at that time treasurer of my club, the Kanawha, a Tammany organization, and had been for years. But he resigned in a huff after I turned him down."

"Did you discuss with the District Attorney a loan said to have been made to you years ago by Commissioner Waldo—a loan of \$30,000?" he was asked.

"I guess you're referring to something before Waldo was Fire Commissioner," said Nagle, who refused to discuss the matter further.

The loan in question is said to have been advanced to Nagle before Waldo had been made Fire Commissioner, and that Nagle handed it over to a contractor in his district, who put it up to guarantee his snow removal contract with the city.

### "Monte Carlo" Indictments.

When Nagle was appointed Street Cleaning Commissioner in 1909 by Mayor Van Wyck reports were published alleging that there were two indictments against him pigeonholed in the District Attorney's office of Westchester County, both charging felonies for running a poolroom. The indictments were said to bear the date of February 15, 1894, and to have been the results of a raid on "Little Monte Carlo," a notorious gambling house in Westchester Village was known.

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## BRIDEGROOM BATTERED

Waldorf Clerk's Wedding Not Relished by Her Folks.

Philmon Stillwell, living in the Sarsfield apartments, No. 3495 Broadway, and a bookkeeper in the Waldorf-Astoria, entered the West 125th street station late yesterday afternoon and told Lieutenant McGrath that he had been married at noon yesterday to a Miss Adelaide von der Leith without the knowledge of her mother. A short time after the ceremony, he said, he telephoned the bride's mother and was asked by the mother to bring the daughter up to see her.

When they arrived, the man continued, the mother seized the girl and locked her in a room. A brother of the girl and another man, a former sweetheart, grabbed him, struck him in the face and ejected him from the building.

At the Sarsfield apartments last evening a man who said he was Albert Stillwell, a brother of the bridegroom, said that everything was settled and the bride couple were then in his apartments.

## WALKS THREE HOURS WITH BULLET IN HEAD

Victim of Accidental Shooting Drops in Street After Long Wanderings.

Virgilus Bidgood, of No. 2471 Atlantic avenue, East New York, walked for three hours around the Cypress Hills section of Brooklyn with one and perhaps two bullets in his head yesterday afternoon. He dropped at the corner of Fulton and Essex streets, Cypress Hills, at 6 o'clock last evening, and was taken to St. Mary's Hospital. It was reported from that institution that he was in a serious condition last night.

"I shot myself accidentally at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the home of my daughter, Mrs. Charles Bronson, of No. 145 Euclid avenue, Cypress Hills," Bidgood said at the hospital. "The folks were out. I lay down on a sofa when my pistol fell out of my pocket and a bullet hit me in the head. I got up and walked out and here I am. Been walking around ever since."

## JOHN D. PERTURBED

His Auto Looted—Said To Be First Time He's Been Robbed.

See Breeze, Feb. 24.—Thieves stripped the automobile of John D. Rockefeller of its lamps and horn while on the way last week from New York to Daytona by freight. It was learned today at the Hotel Clarendon here, where he is stopping for the season.

When crated for shipment in New York the automobile and its accessories were intact. When the car was unloaded here last Monday the lamps and horn were missing.

Mr. Rockefeller has started an investigation to ascertain where the parts were stolen. This is said to be the first time anybody has stolen anything from Mr. Rockefeller, and he is quite perturbed.

## BABY STARVES TO DEATH

Dies in Court as Mother Sues for Its Support.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—As Mrs. Frank Stupka, emaciated and poorly clad, stood in the Court of Domestic Relations today to testify against her husband on a charge of non-support, her baby died in her arms. Dr. Paris, of the Health Department, said, the infant died from starvation.

Stupka sat stolidly in his chair. Judge Chiles called him before the bench and asked sharply:

"What are you going to do about it?" "I can't do anything. I can't support her," Stupka replied, though he admitted owning property.

Stupka was sent to jail.

## COW WAS EATING HER RUG

Mrs. Rubin Saves Half of Floor Cover—Wants Arrest Made.

A demand for the arrest of a cow on the charge of eating most of a twenty-five dollar "sweat-rug" was made last night at the Liberty avenue, Brooklyn, police station by Mrs. Sarah Rubin, of Hegeman avenue and Crescent street.

Mrs. Rubin showed the tattered remnant of the rug to Captain Owen Rooney. "I want that cow taken into custody at once," she said, "also her owner. I put the rug on the line to air when the cow opened my front gate and made a meal of it."

"Captain Rooney sent a policeman to interview the cow and if action was called for to take her to the pound."

## HOTEL STRIKE IN LONDON

Threats to Extend Trouble to Big West End Hostleries.

(By Cable to The Tribune.) London, Feb. 25.—The hotel strike fever has spread to London and fifty kitchen men, porters and page boys today ceased work at the Stafford Hotel in St. James's Place, alleging dissatisfaction with the food supplied them and demanding the dismissal of the chef. The strikers belong to the Hotel Workers' Union, which is supporting them. Threats are made to extend the strike to the big West End hotels.

The West End managers do not regard the strike as serious, but the men's union is considering the question of declaring a general strike, though the absence of any friendly working agreement between the rival unions will operate against a general support of the Stafford Hotel strikers.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 25.—The Land of the Sky, Asheville, via South Fork, N. C., reached via South Fork, N. C., and pleasure resorts of America. Information at N. Y. Office, 264 Fifth Ave.—Adv.

## SCOTT IS ACCUSED IN ALLEGED THAW BRIBE OF \$25,000

Money Was Paid to Dr. John W. Russell, but \$11,000 Was Returned. William F. Clark Tells Investigators.

### INVOLVES "PRISON RING"

Superintendent and His "Immediate Hirelings" Used Governor's Name to Continue Pardon Brokerage Traffic, Witness Swears.

### HOSPITAL HEAD DENIES

Admits He Was Annot's Guest After Tender, but Offers Inexperience as the Excuse for His Course—Slayer's Testimony to Be Taken at Matteawan.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Albany, Feb. 24.—Still playing the part of accuser, William F. Clark, Governor Sulzer's friend and campaign booster, who is himself under charges of misusing the Governor's name improperly to effect the release of Harry K. Thaw from Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane, today charged that Colonel Scott, Superintendent of Prisons, and his "immediate underlings" were engaged in a conspiracy "to involve the Governor of the State of New York."

He swore he had information that their purpose was to put themselves in a position to be retained in office and "continue the profitable business in brokerage pardons which they had conducted under Governor Dix."

Colonel Scott and his "immediate underlings," Clark swore, were "the prison ring." He testified before the Sulzer department investigators that Dr. John W. Russell, superintendent of Matteawan Hospital, who is one of Colonel Scott's subordinates, had sent for Thaw early last December and said he would suggest the name of a lawyer who could free the prisoner. As a result of this, Clark said, Thaw, through agents, "bribed the agent of Dr. Russell \$25,000."

"Dr. Russell was to release Thaw in the latter part of December," Clark continued. "But getting the \$25,000 seemed to be so easy they decided they would make another touch, but the other amount was not forthcoming, and Thaw was not liberated."

### Charges \$11,000 Was Returned.

When Sulzer took office, Clark continued, "these gentlemen became very uneasy" and told Thaw he could not be released for several months. "They handed back \$11,000 of the \$25,000 which they had originally received."

Asked when he meant, Clark said: "I meant Dr. Russell, acting for Superintendent Scott and indirectly for Dr. May, reported that he (Thaw) would have to stay there for at least six months longer."

Dr. May is not in any sense a subordinate or "underling" of Colonel Scott, and has no connection with the Prison Department or with Matteawan, which is under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent of Prisons.

Harry K. Thaw will be asked to tell Governor Sulzer's committee what he knows concerning the most recent attempts to secure his release from Matteawan. This announcement by the committee today followed the bitter attack made by Clark upon what he termed "the prison ring."

The committee will hold a hearing at the Matteawan State Hospital probably on Thursday. At this time the committee plans to place Thaw on the witness stand and examine him concerning the bribe charges and the allegations that the Governor's name was used without authority. The committee also plans to inspect Thaw's bank accounts at this time.

### Up to Russell and Thaw.

Clark, in his testimony today, refused to say where he got the information on which he based his charges, save that it came from conversations with intimate friends of Thaw. He said Dr. Russell and Thaw should tell "it's up to them," he declared.

Thus a direct and grave accusation against Colonel Scott has at last found its way to the records of the Sulzer probers. And the course of the investigation today has been such as to make the most of everything connected with the alleged bribe and the alleged relations of Colonel Scott and Dr. Russell toward it. The alleged connection of Clark with the transaction, the fact that he himself rests under charges of misuse of the Governor's name in an alleged effort to release Thaw, has been touched on lightly. Clark, at his own request, was relieved of his job with the probers "temporarily," but was seated as usual by the side of counsel who was grilling the other witnesses.

### Sulzer Delays Comment.

Governor Sulzer was told to-night that the impression had gone out that the Sulzer administration, and the investigating committee particularly, were out to "get" Colonel Scott. He said he didn't care to discuss the investigation until he had read the day's testimony carefully.

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## PRINCIPALS IN THE LATEST THAW CASE DISCLOSURES.

WILLIAM F. CLARK.

DR. JOHN W. RUSSELL.



## BIG SCANDAL FOUND IN KOHLER GIRL CASE

Grand Jury Expected to Investigate Doings of Several Prominent Young Men.

### FAMILIES OF PROMINENCE

Missing Young Woman Found in Atlantic City Hotel with Girl Chum—There Several Days.

Martha Beatrice Kohler, the sixteen-year-old daughter of James B. Kohler, secretary of the Brooklyn Tax Commission, is at the Chalfonte Hotel, in Atlantic City. The girl, whose disappearance on the eve of the prosecution of Walter K. Doyle, a Brooklyn real estate man, on a serious charge she had preferred, aroused rumors of kidnapping and kept the police of several states busy yesterday, was found late last night. With Grace Cox, a former schoolmate at Erasmus Hall High School, in Brooklyn, she registered at that hotel several days ago, and has meantime been seeing the town and spending money freely.

The investigation made by the District Attorney's office in Brooklyn incidental to the girl's disappearance has brought to light a situation that astounded the investigators. "They found good reason to believe that a group of Brooklyn young men, some of some of the most prominent families in the greater city, had been debauching young women for months, until a scandal had arisen on a parallel with the doings of the Bedford avenue gang, made infamous ten years ago by exposures at the trial of Florence Burns for the murder of Walter S. Brooks."

The scandal, according to the best of authority, had reached such a stage that the King's County Grand Jury will be asked to-day or to-morrow to turn its attention to the case with a view to bringing about the indictment and prison punishment of four of the young men said to be concerned.

According to men in employ of the prosecutor's office, the only barrier to complete investigation and exposure is the prominence of the accused youths, the families of whom presumably will go to extremes in bringing influence to bear to head off the inquiry.

One of the young men accused is the son of a man who formerly occupied high official station in the Borough of Brooklyn. Another is said to be the son of a man prominent in the government of the greater city. The information concerning these two youths and others was secured by detectives and subpoena servers employed in the search for Martha Kohler, and the evidence is said to be so complete that it is ready for the grand jury to consider.

The discovery of the whereabouts of Miss Kohler came about through a visit made late in the evening to the home of Miss Sadie Hermalin, a Manhattan school teacher, who is the daughter of a newspaper writer, living at No. 102 Powell street, East New York. For several days detectives and subpoena servers had been searching for the young woman, who was wanted as chief witness in the prosecution of Doyle, and who was the last person seen in the company of Miss Kohler after she disappeared from her home, at No. 300 East 14th street, Flatbush, on Saturday.

Mr. Kohler, the father of the missing girl, and Harry States, a detective formerly employed by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, went to Miss Hermalin's home.

### Had Recovered Before News of Illness Was Published.

(By Cable to The Tribune.) London, Feb. 25.—Herbert L. Satterlee arrived at Plymouth yesterday on the Kaiser Wilhelm II, of the North German Lloyd Line, and went on to Cherbourg, whence he expects to join his wife and father-in-law, J. Pierpont Morgan. He said that he had received wireless messages saying that Mr. Morgan was now in his usual health. He declared that there was no truth in the report that a specialist had been summoned from Rome to Cairo to attend Mr. Morgan, and that all the alarmist reports concerning Mr. Morgan's health were untrue.

Mr. Satterlee added that he came to Europe only for a holiday, and that there was no truth in the report that he had come to watch over Mr. Morgan. He said that while up the Nile Mr. Morgan was attacked by indigestion, but had recovered quite three days before the newspapers heard of the sickness, which was then exaggerated for stock market purposes.

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COL. JOSEPH E. SCOTT.

## COLQUITT CALLS MILITIA

Texas Governor Hears of Americans Held for Ransom.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 24.—Governor O. B. Colquitt at midnight ordered four companies of the Texas militia to proceed to Brownsville with all haste, when it was reported to him that Americans had been arrested and held for ransom at the Mexican town of Matamoros, across the boundary from Brownsville, when they refused to contribute money to the officials in charge of Matamoros.

The Governor also sent this message to Captain Head, in command of the Brownsville company of the Texas National Guard:

Notify Mexican commander at Matamoros, who is demanding money that if he harms a single Texan his life will be demanded as a forfeit.

Demands, it is said, were made that the subscriptions be forthcoming tonight.

It was reported that the life of Jesse Johnson, United States Consul, had been threatened. Another report, unconfirmed, was that he had been arrested. Consul Johnson warned all Americans in Matamoros to cross into Brownsville.

Washington, Feb. 24.—When the War Department at midnight to-night learned that Governor Colquitt had issued orders for four companies of Texas militia to proceed to Brownsville orders were telegraphed at once to Brigadier General E. Z. Stever, in charge of the federal troops on the border, to send to Brownsville immediately such a force as he deemed necessary and "under no circumstances to permit the crossing of the river except upon the specific orders of the Secretary of War."

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## FEAR GENERAL REVOLUTION IN CENTRAL AMERICA

State Department Learns of Numerous Plots for a Coordinated Uprising in All the Republics.

### AGITATORS FORM COMPACT

This, and Not the Mexican Situation Alone, the Real Reason for the Mobilization of 10,000 Troops at Galveston.

### WILL SEND MORE WARSHIPS

Half a Dozen Soon To Be Ordered to Mexican and Central American Waters Ready for Any Emergency Under the Wilson Administration.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, Feb. 24.—General revolution throughout Central America is seriously to be feared, according to information which has reached the Department of State. The change of administration, the hostility of the Democrats to the Taft policy, the probable supremacy of Senator Bacon in the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the inexperience of President-elect Wilson and those he will have to rely on for advice have inspired with hope a group of professional revolutionists, who have banded together for mutual protection and conspiracy, confident that the new administration will prove unwilling or unable to check the machinations of experienced professional revolutionists and conspirators.

It is not, therefore, the gravity of the situation in Mexico alone, but the imminent danger of a general revolutionary movement throughout Central America which has led President Taft to mobilize 10,000 troops on the Gulf of Mexico, to assemble nearly 5,000 marines off the Mexican coast and to concentrate extensive marine reserves at Guantanamo.

Supplementing these precautions, orders will be issued within the next ten days for half a dozen additional warships to proceed to Mexican and Central American waters. Already there are six battleships at Mexican ports and seven smaller vessels in Central American waters.

Conforming with the plan announced by President Taft on Saturday, orders were issued to-day directing Major General William H. Carter, commanding the second division of the reorganized army, to mobilize the rest of his command at Galveston and vicinity. These orders mean that, in addition to the 5th Brigade, which is already on its way to the mobilization point, the 4th Brigade, comprising the 23d, 26th and 27th Regiments of Infantry, and the 6th Brigade, comprising the 11th, 18th and 22d Regiments of Infantry, and the 6th Cavalry, which constitutes the divisional cavalry of the second division, will entrain as soon as possible.

### Big Force at Galveston.

Under these orders there will be concentrated at Galveston between 8,000 and 9,000 infantry, about 800 cavalry and about the same number of field artillery—the 4th field artillery, a regiment of mountain artillery, being already on its way—making about 10,000 men available for service in Mexico or Central America.

The four army transports, all that the government owns in Eastern waters, can carry only a brigade at most and there are three brigades in that division. It will be necessary to charter from ten to fifteen merchant steamers of large size to accommodate the remaining two brigades if they are moved by water.

These precautions are taken for the sole purpose of protecting the new administration from the dangers now threatening in Mexico and Central America. Even before the release of Diaz from prison and the battle in Mexico City, resulting in the downfall of the Madero government, President Taft had begun to throw safeguards about the Latin-American countries, the sending of the five warships on February 7 being the first act. At that time there were well founded reports that a general revolution was developing and that San Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala were seething with the revolutionary spirit, the assassination of President Arango of Salvador being only an incident.

Department of State officials have not permitted the serious developments in Mexico to becloud the danger impending in the Latin-American countries, and their agents have kept in close touch with the so-called professional revolutionists and their activities. An official said to-day that the names of twelve disturbers who were plotting in this country for the overthrow of San Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua had been furnished to the department, and that there had been other reports of filibustering expeditions and conspiracies.

Cipriano Castro, the exiled dictator of Venezuela, and Jesus Santos Zelaya, the deposed President of Nicaragua, are, it is admitted, suspected of being behind certain plots, one being to overthrow the governments of Honduras.

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